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Shipping Weight and Value; Customs District and Continent

This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. Customs district by continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The Customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at $1.5 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of Customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1974 edition, as amended.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such with U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

The value reported in the export statistics generally is equivalent to a f.a.s. (free alongside ship) value at the U.S. port of export, based on the transaction price, including inland freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in placing the merchandise alongside the carrier at the U.S. port of exportation.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual Customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

The statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $251-$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada the statistics reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $251-$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under $251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual Customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The table on the following page provides a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

Inquiries concerning these figures should be addressed to the Chief, Foreign Trade Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233. Tel: Area Code 301, 763-5140.

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Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of:			
	under 2	under 5	under 10	under 20
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
$500,000-$1,000,000	.90	1.00		
$100,000-$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
$20,000-$100,000		.35	.70	1.00
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $3,000 to $15,000			

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $500 to $5,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The Customs value shown in this report represents the value of imports as appraised by the U.S. Customs Service in accordance with the legal requirements of Sections 402 and 402a of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. It may be based on the foreign market value, export value, constructed value, American selling price, etc. It generally represents a value in the foreign country, and therefore excludes U.S. import duties, freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in bringing the merchandise to the United States. This valuation is primarily used for collection of import duties and frequently does not reflect the actual transaction value.

The statistics shown for individual Customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued $251 and over. Data for shipments valued under $251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under $251), are estimated from a 1-percent sample for 1974. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under $251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of $500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under $500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than $50,000.

Shipping Weight

Shipping weight figures, shown for both imports and exports, represent the gross weight of shipments, including the weight of moisture content, wrappings, crates, boxes, and containers (other than containers such as cargo vans and similar substantial outer containers used for containerized cargo).

The sampling variability applicable to the dollar figures will provide an approximate guide to the reliability of th matching shipping weight figures. For technical reasons, the sampling variability of the shipping weight will be somewhat more than for the dollar value figures.

Sources of Error in the Statistics

Monthly import and export figures are subject to the possibility of errors which may arise from various sources. Among these are errors in the reporting and/or processing of information as to value, shipping weight and other statistical factors, month of inclusion, and errors which may result from the sampling of certain import and export shipments, discussed above. In the case of imports the information as to value (and commodity classification, country of origin, and net quantity) is verified by Customs officials on entries filed for transactions valued over $250 which are ordinarily subject to examination for Customs appraisement purposes, thus considerably reducing the possibility of error. In addition, the procedures used to compile both the import and export statistics include clerical and computer processing checks designed to protect the accuracy of the statistics to the fullest practicable extent.

Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(See Explanation of Statistics for information on coverage and sources of error in the data. Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under $251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)								Value (1,000 dollars)							
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers...	1,595,676	(X)	322,485	208,426	719,103	252,027	40,115	38,990	14,028,872	(X)	1,460,055	1,058,851	7,325,693	3,159,037	438,758	338,799
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	555,187	122,197	64,283	244,200	95,136	11,885	9,963	(X)	172,293	664,373	320,611	467,121	353,600	139,907	86,299
Boston, Mass.....	39,615	17,920	5,157	124	32,003	1,396	393	543	475,116	222,654	38,564	864	400,995	21,016	6,755	6,921
Bridgeport, Conn.....	80	51	4	-	26	1	-	50	3,867	1,797	27	-	550	8	-	3,282
Ogdensburg, N.Y.....	32	19	7	(Z)	13	12	-	-	508	410	153	23	76	256	-	-
Buffalo, N.Y.....	6,892	6,457	5,813	(Z)	1,041	31	5	2	58,713	54,559	56,907	4	1,492	195	110	5
New York City, N.Y.....	643,138	215,885	36,002	53,556	436,973	89,306	3,335	23,965	6,891,964	202,566	263,966	437,576	4,855,466	1,073,001	42,080	219,873
Philadelphia, Pa.....	18,567	11,679	2,543	4,473	8,958	2,232	79	282	124,524	58,996	19,842	22,404	59,902	19,512	430	2,433
Baltimore, Md.....	1,396	1,184	980	34	249	60	-	73	16,720	13,043	7,676	925	6,922	1,116	-	80
Wilmington, N.C.....	132	90	77	2	53	-	-	-	644	461	510	42	92	-	-	-
Charleston, S.C.....	239	204	9	14	37	179	-	-	1,937	1,754	47	15	215	1,660	-	-
Savannah, Ga.....	3,146	2,921	656	511	1,664	191	-	124	26,557	20,415	3,544	2,116	12,115	4,410	-	4,372
Tampa, Fla.....	1,173	291	1,118	38	16	3	-	-	3,806	621	3,258	40	437	72	-	-
Mobile, Ala.....	166	162	(Z)	1	12	151	-	2	1,820	1,767	10	11	184	1,589	-	26
New Orleans, La.....	7,994	1,386	7,443	400	85	64	(Z)	(Z)	32,252	7,181	28,716	2,057	417	1,026	35	1
Laredo, Tex.....	2,957	1,664	2,788	23	-	146	-	(Z)	10,762	5,735	9,555	173	-	1,034	-	1
El Paso, Tex.....	2,622	2,383	2,565	3	54	-	-	-	20,809	18,378	19,948	20	842	-	-	-
Nogales, Ariz.....	237	106	163	-	18	57	-	-	6,694	670	2,407	-	512	3,775	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif.....	104,623	38,010	7,591	3,602	35,454	45,154	11,782	1,039	1,472,903	474,773	50,576	54,642	512,541	699,665	138,324	17,156
San Francisco, Calif....	61,804	32,486	4,760	972	6,457	36,375	13,099	141	1,210,429	620,409	70,821	12,199	135,875	788,464	199,794	3,276
Portland, Oreg.....	1,948	1,897	484	2	1,361	44	1	57	52,249	51,906	6,429	18	44,682	440	10	671
Seattle, Wash.....	10,869	8,788	3,180	108	2,544	4,818	118	102	143,118	92,215	28,498	5,106	45,014	59,406	2,001	3,092
Anchorage, Alaska.....	1,877	1,054	20	-	234	1,621	-	1	15,388	10,227	476	-	1,399	13,508	-	5
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	6,562	1,811	276	(Z)	12	4,743	1,531	(Z)	34,985	13,829	1,265	(Z)	351	20,116	13,251	1
Great Falls, Mont.....	781	768	729	-	-	52	-	-	6,389	6,286	6,246	-	-	143	-	-
Pembina, N. Dak.....	97	55	55	-	41	1	-	-	955	770	777	-	156	22	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	3,187	3,042	1,658	68	21	1,376	2	63	50,008	44,579	13,204	154	413	32,307	11	3,919
Detroit, Mich.....	35,595	27,391	11,450	1,020	21,811	694	142	478	198,550	168,718	42,242	2,319	144,631	4,723	2,285	2,350
Chicago, Ill.....	151,698	68,627	32,033	253	91,014	25,148	194	3,056	1,154,104	528,194	236,591	1,615	648,106	243,235	1,032	23,525
Cleveland, Ohio.....	8,257	1,788	4,567	20	2,117	1,538	2	13	62,858	21,803	22,825	2,321	17,109	20,489	6	108
St. Louis, Mo.....	959	702	258	62	587	45	1	6	8,735	7,254	1,341	57	6,830	411	10	85
San Juan, P.R.....	13,926	7,543	11,021	2,539	313	47	1	6	61,753	32,213	28,820	18,299	12,789	1,240	119	486
Miami, Fla.....	219,296	79,640	102,048	113,003	3,581	284	33	347	780,781	267,328	311,105	420,035	44,380	2,653	236	2,373
Houston, Tex.....	26,801	8,534	7,367	5,697	5,106	6,239	34	2,357	155,399	48,607	33,802	16,487	48,578	38,512	263	17,756
Washington, D.C.....	9,046	1,760	43	1,235	7,266	375	50	77	169,136	23,109	372	16,939	144,686	5,833	142	1,164
All other districts.....	1,856	1,363	956	213	412	271	3	7	11,865	8,686	4,438	1,773	3,634	1,945	65	10
Shipments under $251....	193,575	(NA)	68,664	20,453	59,572	29,373	9,312	6,201	514,896	(NA)	145,099	40,617	174,301	97,253	31,799	25,826
Special Category.....	14,530	7,523	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	247,679	140,382	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

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Table 2. Selected Customs Districts of Unlading by Continent

(See Explanation of Statistics for information on coverage and sources of error in the data. Estimated shipments valued under $251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)								Value (1,000 dollars)							
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers...	1,057,970	(X)	142,309	128,149	509,987	261,581	7,545	6,008	8,921,678	(X)	948,281	386,816	4,714,392	2,528,138	57,060	284,079
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	443,439	52,071	44,878	215,739	125,912	3,434	1,405	(X)	2,182,587	492,918	159,861	124,889	216,761	26,719	52,081
Boston, Mass.....	33,799	12,355	945	340	30,948	1,416	4	146	243,225	94,128	24,671	1,569	207,122	8,970	52	840
Bridgeport, Conn.....	133	48	78	3	24	16	5	7	2,278	746	489	4	499	153	241	892
Ogdensburg, N.Y.....	157	111	77	-	81	-	-	-	2,266	1,727	1,160	-	1,106	-	-	-
Buffalo, N.Y.....	2,976	2,308	2,587	2	335	48	3	1	46,230	28,176	41,842	10	3,436	906	21	14
New York City, N.Y.....	474,897	219,131	17,918	41,636	322,049	87,928	1,968	3,399	47,321,233	111,081	345,923	207,311	3,207,692	746,382	11,989	211,935
Philadelphia, Pa.....	13,732	8,976	425	6,735	5,780	650	107	35	140,805	64,029	4,934	39,077	52,784	13,285	109	30,616
Baltimore, Md.....	4,690	400	4,374	20	228	67	1	-	6,562	5,342	4,482	156	1,734	187	2	-
Wilmington, N.C.....	97	72	14	16	66	1	-	-	996	476	591	16	374	14	-	-
Charleston, S.C.....	199	168	22	1	172	5	-	-	26,753	26,542	188	6	26,530	30	-	-
Savannah, Ga.....	765	693	175	7	544	37	2	(Z)	18,075	16,027	2,011	289	15,347	387	38	3
Tampa, Fla.....	1,103	374	798	131	133	6	35	-	4,383	1,621	2,455	8	1,871	16	33	-
Mobile, Ala.....	427	3	1	425	1	(Z)	-	-	157	67	55	41	58	3	-	-
New Orleans, La.....	3,784	1,015	3,034	592	133	17	3	4	16,704	1,552	15,458	452	522	191	4	77
Laredo, Tex.....	1,131	657	1,106	2	10	6	7	-	3,294	1,746	2,827	76	182	187	23	-
El Paso, Tex.....	456	267	359	1	71	25	(Z)	(Z)	9,211	6,951	7,326	23	1,471	375	3	13
Nogales, Ariz.....	460	276	440	(Z)	6	14	-	-	4,195	2,977	3,399	1	437	358	-	-
Los Angeles, Calif.....	78,148	27,458	7,432	1,584	13,934	52,702	2,008	489	997,498	420,453	96,901	8,305	350,926	507,977	19,427	13,962
San Francisco, Calif....	62,704	36,920	1,061	179	2,842	56,965	1,639	19	918,753	497,040	18,575	1,329	31,804	847,307	19,077	660
Portland, Oreg.....	161	152	45	1	97	17	1	-	2,226	2,036	579	9	1,556	82	1	-
Seattle, Wash.....	20,210	17,774	2,326	5	1,938	15,854	84	3	195,985	160,459	34,203	15	23,970	137,274	454	70
Anchorage, Alaska.....	2,106	1,373	1,429	12	148	517	(Z)	-	8,532	4,246	2,560	50	2,325	3,596	1	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	6,987	1,822	374	1	314	5,734	565	(Z)	123,428	19,567	639	17	14,141	105,441	3,189	1
Great Falls, Mont.....	349	230	312	1	34	1	(Z)	1	5,617	4,259	4,375	2	90	1,091	3	57
Pembina, N. Dak.....	261	248	244	(Z)	15	1	-	-	2,826	2,468	2,075	1	739	11	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	2,051	1,582	163	1	445	1,442	-	-	18,096	15,568	3,515	10	2,207	12,364	-	-
Detriot, Mich.....	31,105	26,569	3,067	34	27,628	333	8	35	87,836	73,012	13,546	56	70,163	3,852	26	193
Chicago, Ill.....	58,960	25,524	6,336	106	40,614	11,354	58	492	601,361	227,063	124,596	575	372,316	92,002	986	10,886
Cleveland, Ohio.....	2,176	307	793	1	1,225	111	(Z)	46	15,732	4,962	5,767	5	9,458	459	1	43
St. Louis, Mo.....	768	163	99	3	612	54	(Z)	(Z)	4,734	2,948	471	50	3,722	461	14	17
San Juan, P.R.....	29,947	8,327	22,924	5,360	1,419	234	2	8	48,029	15,870	26,850	6,696	13,740	673	12	57
Miami, Fla.....	116,566	35,145	45,165	66,598	3,966	704	26	105	285,007	100,649	118,715	107,357	54,365	3,681	56	832
Houston, Tex.....	5,451	2,371	2,423	576	1,951	186	3	313	57,895	12,704	16,597	1,621	29,377	7,839	18	2,444
Washington, D.C.....	11,047	10,064	431	27	10,366	207	4	13	172,334	138,447	526	7,105	153,632	1,646	47	9,379
All other districts.....	473	255	236	2	212	21	(Z)	-	10,068	8,294	1,576	8	7,920	562	1	-
Shipments under $251....	89,694	(NA)	15,099	3,747	41,645	24,913	1,010	891	109,356	(NA)	18,408	4,568	50,775	30,374	1,232	1,087

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